

# sports and recreation

## York wins 10 medals at own track meet



Yorks' Andy Buckstein (right) and Noel Grant finish first and second respectively in 50-metres run.

### Yeowomen win swim meet

By May Lau

In a swim meet last Saturday, the Yeowomen speed swimming team edged the team from Queen's University with a 63 to 61 victory. Though the team from York was smaller (10 swimmers to 19 from Queen's) the Yeowomen owed the overall victory to the fact that they won 9 out of the 15 events.

The first event of the afternoon, the 400m individual medley, was won by the team's captain, Donna Duffy. Duffy went on to win the 200m butterfly and the 800m freestyle as well. Inspired by her, the rest of the girls took six more first places, four seconds and eight thirds. Donna Miller credited the team with wins in the 100m freestyle and 100m backstroke; Liz MacGregor, Bernie MacGregor, Lori Baldwin and Jane Thacker all contributed a victory each to bring the total to nine.

Illness took its toll among the girls and caused several events to be stretched by the Yeowomen. "The cold epidemic is with the team and it had slowed down many of the girls," said Yeowomen coach Carol Gluppe.

This weekend the team will be travelling to Waterloo for the Waterloo Invitational.

The York varsity track and field team fared exceedingly well at the eighth annual York University Invitational Indoor Track and Field meet at the CNE last Saturday as they brought home ten medals and four new varsity records.

Leading the barrage were distance runner Nancy Rooks and sprinters Andy Buckstein and Noel Grant who are proving to be a very potent one-two punch to all the other Ontario Universities.

Rooks, the fifth place finisher in the 3000 metres at the Commonwealth Games last summer in Edmonton, ran the 800 and 1500 metres picking up a gold and a silver medal and two new varsity records for her efforts. Her main opposition in both races was Anne Webster of Queen's University, but Webster could prove no match at all in the 1500 where Rooks powered her way to a new meet record and personal best time of 4:17.1, downing the British Columbian by some 14.3 seconds. The old varsity record had been set in 1976 by Rita McMinn at 4:27.1, and the old meet record was set in 1975 by Abby Hoffman at 4:21.1. York's Sharon Clayton was fifth in 4:44.3.

In the 800 the determined Webster held off Rooks to record a narrow half-second victory, 2:10.1 to 2:10.6. Rooks still managed to break the old varsity record set by Clayton last year of 2:18.0.

The 50 metres saw Buckstein and Grant sweep the top two spots with Buckstein taking the gold in a personal best time of 5.7 seconds with Grant officially being timed two tenths of a second slower. Grant was annoyed with himself for having given up a slight lead with just about fifteen metres left as he was clearly in front of the field at that point. Both Buckstein and Grant did however beat Marv Nash (running for Quebec's Concordia University) who has been a member of the National team for a number of years now. In fact Nash placed fifth at the 1976 Olympic Games in the 100 metre semi finals, just missing by one place qualifying for the final.

In his qualifying heat, Grant also ran 5.7 seconds which broke the six year old varsity records of Dave Milgram and Ted Dash. Buckstein then tied Grant's record in the final.

York also took a gold medal in the shot put where Bill Milley defeated Waterloo's Commonwealth Games' Rob Town by 46 centimetres to prevail with a toss of

13.84 metres. Jerry Murray of York also competed in the event and put the 16 pound shot 11.52 metres to take fourth place.

In the men's 1500, York's Farooq Shabbar and Derrick Jones took the silver and bronze medals respectively behind Queen's Claus Rinne who won the event in 3:57.8. Shabbar was clocked in 4:00.1 and Jones finished exactly one second behind.

In the distaff shot, Martha Halenda had a best toss of 7.72 metres to take the silver medal behind Karen Rahn of Queen's who won with a best put of 11.74 metres.

The fifth silver medal came from the men's 4 x 600 metre relay team where Buckstein, Wayne Morris, Shabbar and Jones combined to produce a time of 5:45.1. Queen's won the gold medal here as well, in 5:42.5. The race was an exciting one as the lead changed hands a number of times before Queen's prevailed.

The final York medal, a bronze, came in the men's high jump where Steve Caws leaped 1.80 metres to place behind Rob Pitter of the University of Toronto (2.00 metres) and James Fleming of Buffalo State University (1.90 metres).

The medal total of ten bettered by one the York haul of 1978 although the gold medals actually decreased by two, from five down to three. To compensate the silver medals increased from 4 to 5, and York also claimed two bronze medals whereas last year they did not win any.

Other competitors for York included Brenda McLaughlin and Linda Campbell in the 50 metres where they failed to qualify for the final in heat times of 7.1 and 7.3 seconds respectively; Fern Brotherton in the long jump who failed to make a legal jump; and Dave Johnson in the long jump (5.82 metres) and the triple jump (11.86 metres) where he placed sixth and fifth respectively.

Track Notes: York sprinters Andy Buckstein, Noel Grant and Nancy Rooks have accepted invitations to appear at the Toronto Star Maple Leaf Indoor Games on the night of February 2 at Maple Leaf Gardens. Also, Buckstein, Grant and shot putter Bill Milley have accepted invitations to appear at the University of Western Ontario Invitational to be held in London on the night of February 3.

### Gymnasts' victory

By Randy Noble

The Yeowomen Gymnastic team led by Norma Gazensky, Cathy Corns and Laurie McGibbon paced the York team to 238 points and victory in the York Invitational Gymnastics meet held last Saturday at York. McMaster and Western placed second and third respectively.

In the Junior Division, McMaster placed first, York came second, and Western was third. Norma Gazensky won the individual for York. Kim Allen of McMaster finished second.

In the Senior division, York had an 18 point victory margin over second place McMaster. U of T placed third.

Individually, Ann Samson was the most impressive gymnast in the competition placing first. Cathy Corns and Laurie McGibbon, both of York finished second and third.

Coaches Bajin and Bompas were very happy with York's win and are optimistic that the Yeowomen will come up with a repeat performance at the Ontario Championships in a month's time.



Yeowoman Laurie McGibbon performs on the balance beam during the York Invitational Gymnastics meet at Tait McKenzie

In women's hockey, the Yeowomen downed U of T Blues by a 4-2 score. In exhibition play, Yeowomen defeating McGill 6-0. Yeowomen John Abbott College 2-2, last weekend.

York's figure skating team finished third in the Queen's Invitational Figure Skating meet last

weekend in Kingston. And finally in Ottawa, York won the sabre competitions and finished fourth in the foil event in the Carleton Invitational Fencing tournament. It was York's third consecutive sabre victory. The OUAA finals will be held in Ottawa on Feb. 10. York will be represented.

### 'Sloppy ball', but easy win

By Bruce Gates

"We really appreciate playing against these guys because now we know how far we've got to go," Queen's coach Tom Froud marvelled after the first-ranked York Yeomen had crushed his Golden Gaels, 103-56, in basketball action at Tait McKenzie last Friday night.

Froud probably shuddered at the thought of what the score might have been had the Yeomen played up to form. As it turned out, neither he nor York played up to form. As it turned out, neither he nor York coach Bob Bain felt that the Yeomen were up to scratch.

"I didn't like the way we played at the beginning of the game," Bain said. "We didn't play well at all in the first half."

Indeed, the Yeomen were guilty of some sloppy ball including two consecutive turnovers in less than 20 seconds, both of which resulted in four points for Queen's.

"We couldn't play that way against top teams and still win," Bain said.

However, the Yeomen did show enough shooting brilliance to nurse

a 12-point lead through most of the first half, and they led 51-32 at halftime. In the second half they outscored Queen's 52-24 to win easily.

Centre Lonnie Ramati led the Yeomen with 23 points, and four other players — Bo Pelech (18 points), Dave Coulthard (14), Peter Greenway (11) and Ron Kaknevicius (10)—also hit double figures to give York a balanced attack.

Mark Gagnon and Mike Kirby each counted 14 points for Queen's.

Free throws: Other Yeomen point-getters were Paul Jones, Ted Galka and Paul Layefsky with 6 points each, Chris McNeilly with 5, and Eddie Shiebert with 4... freshman Lester Smith did not dress for this game because of a new rule that allows a team to dress only 10 for league games. The rule was inserted to cut costs.

Tomorrow night, York hosts Ryerson. On Saturday the Yeomen are off to Cleveland for a game against Cleveland State.... Last Tuesday night at the Y of T York played the Blues. Final score.

## Lack of pressure favors York's hockey team



LAWRENCE KNOX

Two weeks ago, Toronto Maple Leaf captain Darryl Sittler suggested that maybe the Toronto fans, media and players expected a bit too much from the 1978-79 edition of the Buds. The Buds (Leafs) were expected to give the Boston Bruins a battle for top spot in their division, but the Beantowners are leading Toronto by 17 points (Jan. 22/79). Sittler feels that there's too much pressure.

Sittler's theory could account for the cohesiveness of the York Yeomen as a team over the past few months.

When the Yeomen took to the ice at Varsity Arena last fall

in the University of Toronto Invitational hockey tournament, York suffered two losses and finished the tourney with the worst record. The defence left very little to be desired and goaltending appeared it would be a weakness.

But, with only five games remaining in the Ontario Universities Athletic Association season, Yeomen still have a chance to make the fourth and final playoff spot in the East Division.

After winning only two games in seven tries, Yeomen played brilliantly in upsetting the number two ranked team in the country, cross-town rivals U of T Blues 7-4 last week. It was by far York's best outing of the year. York also managed to salvage a point with two back to back games against Laurentian University last weekend.

Yeomen are currently in third place ahead of Ottawa and Queen's. After attending a York practice two weeks ago when the team was solidly in last place, Yeomen worked

out as though they were in first place. York coach Ron Smith, who incidentally is an assistant to Bud coach Roger Neilson, stated the Yeomen were the happiest last place team he had ever seen.

The key to this argument is pressure or lack of it. York wasn't expected to do well after losing six players from last year, including goalie Steve Bosco. But York has shown signs of improvement during the course of the year.

A big plus this year is the scoring punch of Paul Johnson and freshman Al Sinclair.

Johnson, 22, leads all scorers on the team with 18 goals and 11 assists. The fourth year physical education student played on a line with Sinclair, who has 12 goals and 20 assists, but they were separated to create scoring balance.

So, not to be put any unnecessary pressure on the Yeomen, I hope they finish in last place or as they say in showbiz, "break a leg."